

SPIRIT WAS THERE

Republican Rally in Topeka Met With Response.

Auditorium Packed to Hear the G. O. P. Speakers.

CROWD WAS WITH ALLEN

Governor's Defense of Court a Masterful Stroke.

Congressman Anthony on National Issues.

Red fire, bands, songs and cheers featured the big Allen-Anthony meeting which packed the auditorium Monday night. But it was the sound hammer and tongs oratory, the recounting of sins of the administration in Washington and dramatization of the industrial court law that held the crowd of 4,600 in the chilly hall two hours and a half.

Somehow the meeting seemed to just naturally turn its own color and setting. The crowds which watched the parade on Kansas avenue apparently caught the spirit of the thing. The bands and the Medcoes imparted bits of the life and action of the big show to the crowd, perhaps, yet back of it all there was an expression of born desire to register an opinion of Republican sentiment. It was the "fight, fight, fight" that comes from between the teeth as cheers are hurled across the football field. It was the Republican challenge to the Democrats in the closing hours of the Shawnee county campaign.

Allen's Strong Defense.

Congressman D. R. Anthony's speech was a clear cut, clear discussion of national issues with a climax in his assertion that he was proud of his vote for the Esch-Cummins bill. The dramatic settings, those were in Governor Allen's defense of the industrial court law. For fifty minutes the governor stood before the footlights and hammered at union labor his challenge to deny a new court law the right of a fair trial.

There was a crack and a snap in the crowd's response to the governor's points. The crowd itself rivalled in size the one which greeted Governor Cox. Its response was, perhaps, even more spontaneous and pronounced.

Something of the spirit of the old days of Populism was in the crowd which sat in the big hall. Maybe it was inspired by the Medcoes whose parodies for "Zip, Zip, Zip," "Tupper," or the club augmented by female voices when it sang a parody on "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and "Hushabye." The Rev. John Brown put his finger and pop in the meeting when he stood before the big crowd and sang a campaign song which parodied "There's a Life in Every Man," which he sang a hundred times before the state legislature.

And with something of the life of the meeting moving in the crowd, veterans of a score of political campaigns yelled back words of encouragement as Governor Allen moved on to his points. The action of the meeting at times reached a tense climax as the governor appealed for fairness and justice.

Right to Protect Public.

In a large degree the governor's speech embodied his appeal before the special legislative session for enactment of the labor court law.

"Some of the opposition has seen fit to make this a political issue," said the governor. "Well, protection of the public against fraud doesn't belong to any political party."

"You're right, you're right," were expressions from the crowd. And then a moment later there was a wave of applause and more shouts as the governor declared: "The right to protect the public is still a duty of government."

There was a big cheer as the governor condemned the Democrats for dragging the court law into the political arena.

"The position of the Democrats on this law is just as shameful as when their party for 20 years opposed the prohibitory law. In the future the party will be just as ashamed of this course as they have been for their position on the liquor question. I am glad many far sighted Democrats see this issue in its true light and have refused to follow their party leadership."

The governor met the challenge that coal produced by the state receiver-ship had cost \$100 a ton.

"The legislature did appropriate \$72,000 for the use of the national guards which we didn't need—what we would have needed if we hadn't sent them," he said. "But that was not an expense for coal. That was an expense for maintaining government. And I shall never apologize for protecting the public so long as I am in office."

"That's right," sure thing," shouted some of the old timers as they gave vocal expression in the applause.

"I went over this issue with Freeman and Glen Willett and Squire Mc—went over it paragraph by paragraph," said the governor, "went over it a week before the special session. And they said it was all right. Then they came the day before the session convened and said: 'We've got to fight your law. Our leaders won't stand for it.'"

Leaders Feared Jots.

"They wouldn't stand for it? No. Why? Because I drove these radical fellows out of a job. It meant an end to the day when the worker would dig down in his pocket to pay these leaders for maintaining disorder instead of order—because for fostering the strike this country had last year—strikes that cost in one item of expense and another a total of 22 billion dollars. Yet the first wage case brought before the industrial court was brought by Freeman, head of the state federation of labor. And the case was decided in the interests of labor. Ah! my union labor friends, are you going to deny to this law the right of a fair trial?"

In the galleries there was a stir as a number of people started to leave the meeting. The governor sensed the move.

"Don't hurry away," shouted the governor. "Stay if you can. This thing is going to get more interesting."

There were no further interruptions. Governor Allen hesitated as he closed his appeal for the industrial court law. "I guess I'll talk a little politics now," he said.

"Go on," the crowd shouted.

When the governor extended excuses of his administration. He said state government cost six million dollars last year, while Kansas paid into the federal revenue office taxes aggregating thirty-five millions for federal government. He said that for every dollar paid in taxes in Shawnee county 7 1/2 cents went to the state. War extravagance, the League of Nations and other issues were given a rap by the executive.

Congressman Anthony's short speech touched national issues only. He met the Esch-Cummins bill opposition with the same frank and candid expression that featured Governor Allen's discussion of the industrial court law.

"Facts regarding this great law have been purposely kept from the public and particularly from the laboring classes by unscrupulous politicians," he said. "I want to say I was never prouder of my vote in twelve years in congress than for the Esch-Cummins bill. I challenge any man to point to one single line of that law which is unfavorable to the working man."

Anthony asserted that statements that the government took over the railroads because the nation's transportation system had broken down were untrue.

"Railroads were never giving more efficient service than when they were taken over by the government," he said. "They were taken over to aid in building a great political machine. The government itself broke down the railroads. I am glad to have been one to help put them back in the hands of their owners."

Elmer Strain, president of the Chamber of Commerce, made an appeal for the water bonds following Anthony's speech.

"I want to remind you this is a prohibition state," he said, "and that you are nearly out of water. He urged the bonds of the bonds in next week's election."

NEW FRAT AT AGGIE.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity Establishes Chapter at Manhattan.

Manhattan, Kan., Oct. 26.—The Kansas Delta Theta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was installed at the Kansas State Agricultural college last week, under the supervision of Ralph E. Wever, of Lincoln, Neb.

The ceremonies were followed by a banquet. Active members initiated were: E. D. McElroy, of Lincoln, Neb.; Robert S. Love, of Charles, Mich.; Philip Woodbury, Ray B. Reynolds, Walter T. Roife, M. R. Getty, M. L. Leiter, Charles C. McPherson, W. R. Horlacher, J. F. Brown, C. Morton Rust, Paul Kovar, Morton Siggers, Harry Hensley, Lorin Moore and Ralph Murray. Inactive: James B. Angle, Carl J. Rodewald, Bruce C. Hutchins, Ira Freeman, A. W. Wilcox, Thomas Lee, and C. Colburn.

Faculty members: Gabe Selara, and J. P. Newman. Pledgees: N. D. Ziegler, D. R. Hall, and Gordon Ery. B. Johnson, Paul E. Smith, Brom Hixon, Bruce A. Rogers, Allyn Laybourne, Raub R. Snyder, and Ernest E. Guyer.

KANSAS HAS BIG SUGAR CROP.

Best Product for State to Make Forty Million Pounds This Year.

Garden City, Kan., Oct. 26.—Refined sugar production of Kansas this year is estimated at forty million pounds by the agricultural and industrial department of the Santa Fe railroad. At the prevailing price of 15 cents a pound, the sugar crop would retail at \$6,000,000. The Kansas sugar industry is limited to this part of the Arkansas valley, which produces about 25 per cent of the total crop of the tri-state sugar industry—Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico—estimated at 45,000,000 pounds this year. Colorado leads with Kansas second.

The three big refineries of the tri-state district are at Swink and Rocky Ford, Colo., and Garden City. This year's report says the Colorado yield averaged about ten tons of beets to the acre; that of Kansas 9 to 9.5 tons, and New Mexico 9 tons. The tri-state acreage is 50,428, entirely irrigated lands.

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